

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: *[Signature]*
Maria Mendoza, Deputy Clerk

RETURN TO:

City of Petaluma
Public Works Department
P.O. Box 61
Petaluma, CA 94953

This notice was posted on 04/11/2024
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 05/12/2024
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County Clerk
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Title: Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Implementation Project

Project Applicant: City of Petaluma Public Works and Utilities Department

Project Location: Water Service Area, Petaluma, Sonoma County, CA.

Project Description: Upgrade the City’s water meter reading technology from Automated Meter Reading (AMR) to Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). AMR requires City staff to drive by monthly to collect water usage, whereas AMI will enable water usage data to be transmitted to the City directly, eliminating the need for staff to drive by each meter. The work includes replacing the existing register and endpoint of approximately 18,500 water meters, obtaining their GPS location, identifying the pipe material of water service lines, and replacing the water meter box lid with an AMI compatible polymer lid. The project will establish a Customer Engagement Portal (CEP) which will enable the City to effectively detect leaks within its water system while allowing customers to monitor and track their own water usage.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemptions

- {Article 18:Section 21080; 15260}
- Ministerial {Sec.15268}
- Feasibility/Planning Study {Sec.15262}
- Emergency Project {Sec.15269}
- General Rule {Sec.15061(b)(3)}

Categorical Exemptions

- {Article 19:Section 21084; 15300}
- Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}
- Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec.15302}
- Small Structures {Sec.15303}
- Minor Alterations {Sec.15304}

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of upgrading the existing water meters within the City of Petaluma’s service area to the AMI technology. The project will reduce time, labor, cost, energy, and Greenhouse Gas emissions compared to the existing AMR system which requires Water Service Representatives to drive by each meter. Accordingly, there is negligible or no expansion of use beyond what currently exists, the AMI replacement will result in a benefit to the environment and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances or other factors that would make the exemption inapplicable pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301 Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction. City Council approved the project on April 8, 2024.

Lead Agency: City of Petaluma Public Works, 11 English Street, P.O. Box 61, Petaluma, CA 94953

Department/Contact Person: Lucas Pereira, Assistant Engineer II

Phone (707) 780-7910

[Signature]
Principal Environmental Planner, Planning Division

April 10, 2024
Date

Pursuant to Section 711.4(d)(2) of the Fish and Game Code, statutory and categorical exemptions are exempt from Department of Fish and Wildlife filing fees.



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-04112024-093

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/11/2024
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0411-02
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PROJECT TITLE
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF PETALUMA PUBLIC WORKS AND	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707)780-7910
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11 ENGLISH P.O. BOX 61	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 94953
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Maria Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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